

## The Boys & Girls Club of McAllen Fact Sheet

**Mission Statement: To inspire and enable all young people especially those from disadvantaged circumstances to realize their potential as productive, responsible, caring citizens.**

1. The Boys & Girls Club of McAllen has served **over 8,000** youth members in 2005.
2. Since the opening of The Glen E. and Rita K. Roney Center in December of 2004, 3, 274 youth members have been served there to date.
3. The Boys & Girls Club is more than a youth hang out or sports program. We offer comprehensive after-school and weekend programs in youth development and leadership skills building such as:
  - **Education & Career Development**  
with Power Hour (homework/ tutoring assistance) and Career Launch
  - **Health & Life Skills**  
featuring Smart Girls, stressing healthy attitudes, self-esteem, and relationships for budding young women
  - **The Arts**  
highlighting digital photography, dance, horticulture and book fairs
  - **Character & Leadership Development**  
featuring Torch Club (implementing specific service projects) and TEENS supreme Keystone Club emphasizing humanitarian ideal through leadership training an community service; plus Tech Teams
  - **Sports, Fitness & Recreation**  
offered in collaboration with The City of McAllen Parks & Recreation
  - **Specialized Programs for Gang Prevention: Targeted Outreach**
4. The Department of Justice states that juvenile crime occurs during the after-school hours, between 4pm. - 8pm. These are the peak hours of operation for The Boys & Girls Club of McAllen.
5. While our membership remains \$5.00 annually so that all children may have club access regardless of social economic status, there is a charge for Special programs, such as camps and sports.
6. The Board of Directors raises over 42% of our budget locally through individual and corporate donations as well as fund raising events. We Receive City of McAllen support and we are a United Way Organization.
7. It costs \$196 per youth per year to operate The Boys & Girls Club of McAllen; the average cost of youth incarceration is over \$60,000 annually.

**The Boys & Girls Club of McAllen is a tremendous value!**